coal and iron industry, the position of the Jews, both of those long settled there and of the post-War immigrants, is comparatively good. In Posnania, where a hundred or even fifty years ago there had been many Jews, few are left, and the local government discourages Jewish immigration. The Jews in Poland suffer from the Government policy which taxes the peasants lightly and throws the main burden on the towns, *i.e.* on industry and commerce; this naturally affects the Jews most* They have further suffered from the setting up of Government monopolies for the manufacture of tobacco, spirituous drinks, and matches, for the production of salt, and for the foreign trade in timber. While in private hands these trades employed many Jews, but now licences for the sale of tobacco and spirituous liquors are given by preference to War invalids. Similarly the Jews are passed over in appointments in the general and local administration.

Moreover, in the last fifty years the Poles, who previously were engaged almost exclusively in agriculture, and left commerce and handicrafts to the Jews, have become a serious competition to them. The Government and the Polish population favour the non-Jewish merchants and artisans. The National Bank, which grants extensive credits to the Polish merchants, artisans, and farmers, tends to refuse them to the Jews. Co-operative stores and

agricultural co-operatives are developing, and cut out the private trader. Jewish artisans suffer from the new Government regulations which prescribe apprenticeships and examinations for artisans setting up on their own account; and only masters who have passed such examinations are allowed to employ apprentices. The employment of Jewish workmen in factories, even in such as belong to Jews, is very restricted; *e.g.* in the textile factories at Lodz the non-Jewish workmen compel the Jewish manufacturers to replace non-Jews by other non-Jews only. Certain branches are manned exclusively by non-Jews who refuse to admit any Jews, to a report of the Jewish community in Lodz, in